FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 12, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2332 - HB 2492**

This bill, if enacted, will require all state correctional officers at female units to be females. Male correctional officers may be used in addition to female officers in case of emergency. The bill also provides that regulations requiring inmates to wear uniforms apply to female inmates. Current policy of the Department of Correction requires female inmates to wear uniforms.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$56,500 to hire, train and uniform 50 female employees to replace the 50 male employees displaced by this bill. This fiscal impact is based upon the assumption that sufficient vacant positions exist within the Department of Corrections to allow for the transfer of up to 50 existing employees and the replacement of such employees, within the Department's existing budget.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Stones a. Dovempet